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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DEVENDRA SHUKLA,

Plaintiff,

VERDICT SHEET  
07-CV-2972 (CBA)

-against-

SAT PRAKASH SHARMA, individually  
and as director of Vishva Seva Ashram of  
New York, GEETA SHARMA, individually  
and as director of Vishva Seva Ashram of  
New York, VISHVA SEVA ASHRAM OF  
NEW YORK, d/b/a Sarva Dev Mandir,

Defendants.

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AMON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**A. Forced Labor**

1. Has plaintiff, DEVENDRA SHUKLA, established by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant knowingly obtained the labor or services of the plaintiff by threats of serious harm to the plaintiff or another person; by means of the threatened abuse of law or legal process; or by means of any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause the plaintiff to believe that, if he did not perform such labor or services, the plaintiff or another person would suffer serious harm?

Sat Prakash Sharma

☒ YES

☐ NO

Geeta Sharma

☒ YES

☐ NO

Vishva Seva Ashram of New York

☒ YES

☐ NO

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER ONE WITH RESPECT TO ONE OR MORE DEFENDANTS, PROCEED TO QUESTIONS TWO THROUGH FOUR. IF YOU ANSWER NO TO QUESTION NUMBER ONE WITH RESPECT TO ALL OF THE DEFENDANTS, PROCEED TO QUESTION FIVE.**

**B. Damages for Forced Labor**

*Compensatory Damages*

2. If you answered YES to Question No. 1 with respect to one or more defendants, state the total,

cumulative amount of compensatory damages, if any, that you award to plaintiff on this claim.

\$ 250,000.00

*Nominal Damages*

3. If you answered YES to Question No. 1 with respect to one or more defendants but did not award compensatory damages in Question No. 2, please state the amount of nominal damages that you award to plaintiff, not to exceed one dollar.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Punitive Damages*

4. If you answered YES to Question No. 1 with respect to one or more defendants, please state whether you will award punitive damages against any of the defendants on this claim.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

☒ NO

**IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," PLEASE INDICATE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED THE AMOUNT OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES AS TO THOSE DEFENDANTS FOR WHOM YOU ANSWERED "YES" ON QUESTION ONE.**

Sat Prakash Sharma \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Geeta Sharma \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vishva Seva Ashram of New York \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Trafficking**

5. Has plaintiff, DEVENDRA SHUKLA, established by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant knowingly harbored by any means, any person for involuntary servitude or forced labor?

Sat Prakash Sharma ☒ YES ☐ NO

Geeta Sharma ☒ YES ☐ NO

Vishva Seva Ashram of New York ☒ YES ☐ NO

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER FIVE WITH RESPECT TO ONE OR MORE DEFENDANTS, PROCEED TO QUESTIONS SIX THROUGH EIGHT. IF YOU ANSWER NO QUESTION FIVE WITH RESPECT TO ALL OF THE DEFENDANTS, PROCEED TO QUESTION NINE**

**D. Damages for Trafficking**

*Compensatory Damages*

6. If you answered YES to Question No. 5 with respect to one or more defendants, state the total, cumulative amount of compensatory damages, if any, that you award to plaintiff on this claim.

\$ 750,000.00

*Nominal Damages*

7. If you answered YES to Question No. 5 with respect to one or more defendants but did not award compensatory damages in Question No. 6, please state the amount of nominal damages for which defendant is liable on this claim, not to exceed one dollar.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Punitive Damages*

8. If you answered YES to Question No. 5, please state whether you will award punitive damages against any of the defendants on this claim.

✓ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," PLEASE INDICATE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED THE AMOUNT OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES AS TO THOSE DEFENDANTS FOR WHOM YOU ANSWER "YES" ON QUESTION FIVE.**

Sat Prakash Sharma \$ 750,000.00

Geeta Sharma \$ 750,000.00

Vishva Seva Ashram of New York \$ 1,000,000.00

**Counterclaims**

**E. Libel - Sat Prakash Sharma**

9. Has defendant, SAT PRAKASH SHARMA, established by a preponderance of the evidence that plaintiff DEVENDRA SHUKLA, libeled him?

✓ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER NINE, PROCEED TO QUESTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN. IF YOU ANSWER NO TO QUESTION NUMBER NINE, PROCEED TO QUESTION TWELVE.**

**F. Damages for Libel - Sat Prakash Sharma**

*Compensatory Damages*

10. If you answered YES to Question No. 9, state the total, cumulative amount of compensatory damages, if any, that you award to the defendant SAT PRAKASH SHARMA on this claim.

\$ 300,000.00

*Punitive Damages*

11. If you answered YES to Question No. 9, state the total, cumulative amount of punitive damages, if any, that you award to the defendant SAT PRAKASH SHARMA on this claim.

\$ 0.00

**G. Libel - Geeta Sharma**

12. Has defendant, GEETA SHARMA, established by a preponderance of the evidence that plaintiff DEVENDRA SHUKLA, libeled her?

✓ YES                      NO

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER TWELVE, PROCEED TO QUESTIONS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN. IF YOU ANSWER NO TO QUESTION NUMBER TWELVE, PROCEED TO QUESTION FIFTEEN.**

**H. Damages for Libel - Geeta Sharma**

*Compensatory Damages*

13. If you answered YES to Question No. 12, state the total, cumulative amount of compensatory damages, if any, that you award to the defendant GEETA SHARMA on this claim.

\$ 150,000.00

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*Punitive Damages*

14. If you answered YES to Question No. 12, state the total, cumulative amount of punitive damages, if any, that you award to the defendant GEETA SHARMA on this claim.

\$ 0.00

**I. Libel - Vishva Seva Ashram of New York**

15. Has defendant, VISHVA SEVA ASHRAM OF NEW YORK, established by a preponderance of the evidence that plaintiff DEVENDRA SHUKLA, libeled it?

✓ YES                      NO

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER FIFTEEN, PROCEED TO QUESTIONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN. IF YOU ANSWER NO TO QUESTION NUMBER FIFTEEN, PROCEED TO QUESTION EIGHTEEN.**

**J. Damages for Libel - Vishva Seva Ashram of New York**

*Compensatory Damages*

16. If you answered YES to Question No. 15, state the total, cumulative amount of compensatory damages, if any, that you award to the defendant VISHVA SEVA ASHRAM OF NEW YORK on this claim.

\$ 50,000.00

*Punitive Damages*

17. If you answered YES to Question No. 15, state the total, cumulative amount of punitive damages, if any, that you award to the defendant VISHVA SEVA ASHRAM OF NEW YORK on this claim.

\$ 0

**K. Conversion**

18. Has defendant, VISHVA SEVA ASHRAM OF NEW YORK (the "Temple") established by a preponderance of the evidence that plaintiff DEVENDRA SHUKLA, without authority, intentionally exercised control over the property of the temple and thereby interfered with the temple's right of possession in that property?

a. Holy books                      YES ✓ NO

b. Statues of Hindu deities	_____ YES	<u>✓</u> NO
c. Chains	_____ YES	<u>✓</u> NO
d. Necklaces	_____ YES	<u>✓</u> NO

**IF YOU ANSWER NO TO QUESTION NUMBER EIGHTEEN WITH RESPECT TO EACH ITEM, YOU HAVE CONCLUDED YOUR DELIBERATIONS. PROCEED NO FURTHER. STOP AND REPORT YOUR VERDICT. IF YOU ANSWER YES TO QUESTION NUMBER EIGHTEEN WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM, PROCEED TO QUESTION NINETEEN**

**L. Damages for Conversion**

*Nominal Damages*

19. If you answered YES to Question No. 18 with respect to one or more items, please state the amount of nominal damages for which the plaintiff is liable on this claim, not to exceed one dollar.

a. Holy books	\$ _____
b. Statues of Hindu deities	\$ _____
c. Chains	\$ _____
d. Necklaces	\$ _____

**PROCEED NO FURTHER. STOP AND REPORT YOUR VERDICT.**